



Vorarlberg in Summer

Hints, Suggestions and Ideas for Your Holidays 2018
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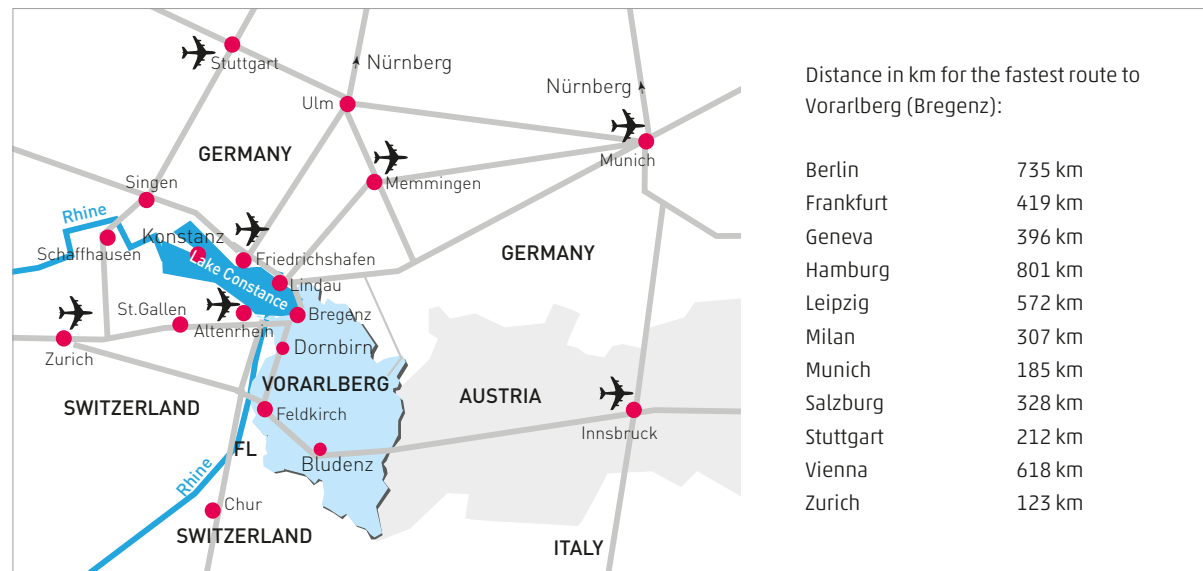
From the east via Innsbruck–Arlberg road tunnel or Arlberg pass road or via Reutte–Lechtal–Bregenzwald (Note: the L 198 Lechtal road from Warth nach Lech is usually closed in winter).

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Adventure Space Vorarlberg

Lace your hiking boots for a sunrise walk and listen to grand opera under the starlit skies, marvel at startlingly modern buildings and discover wonderful nature together with the ones you love. Sample the mouth-watering delicacies which the regional cuisine has to offer: Vorarlberg means savoir vivre and a love of all good things in life.

Vorarlberg is nestled in Austria's very west, neighbouring Germany, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. It prides itself on an abundance of natural beauty stretching between Lake Constance and the over 3,000 m-high mountains. The natural scenery can best be explored when hiking, cycling, or cruising Lake Constance, and in outdoor activities. Or simply by standing in awe. There are numerous lookouts with fabulous views; some can be reached conveniently by cable-car.

A sense of aesthetics and thoughtful design prevails. Many buildings in the towns and villages are genuine eye-catchers. Nowhere else in Austria will you find such a wealth of well-designed contemporary (timber) architecture within such a small area. Some hotels also have a modern design.

sign. Their sophisticated interior is largely the work of ingenious craftspeople from the region.

Vorarlberg's cultural scene need not shun international comparison. The most prominent festival is the Bregenz Festival in July and August, where grand opera is performed on the lakeside stage of Lake Constance in a spectacular setting. The Schubertiade Festival in Schwarzenberg and Hohenems celebrates classical music, while the summer poolbar festival in Feldkirch is entirely devoted to pop culture and design.

Museums open up new horizons: Kunsthaus Bregenz, a glass cube construction, exhibits contemporary art. Also in Bregenz the vorarlberg museum delves into Vorarl-

berg's past and present. At the interactive inatura nature show in Dornbirn you can literally experience nature hands-on, and the *Werkraumhaus* in Andelsbuch is a showcase for innovative crafts, mainly from the Bregenzerwald region.

The cuisine is simply mouth-watering. The ingredients, refined by chefs with a creative twist, are sourced from nature, local farms and delicatessen producers. Several activities such as themed culinary hikes or e-bike tours offer the chance to sample regional specialties.

Enjoy your stay in Vorarlberg!

Facts & Figures

Inhabitants: approx. 388,000

State capital: Bregenz

Topography:
2,600 km² (four times the size of Vienna, comparable to Saarland in Germany or Luxembourg), two thirds of Vorarlberg are more than 1,000 m above sea level).

Distances:
100 km from north to south. 1.5 hours by car from Lake Constance (400m) to the high-alpine mountains which feature glacier-tipped summits rising to more than 3,000m above sea level.

Where to stay:
1,000 family-run hotels and guest-houses, some 4,000 private accommodations (apartments and rooms) Altogether some 66,000 guest beds



Six Welcoming Regions

Vorarlberg stretches some 100 km from north to south and stuns visitors for its scenic variety. From the shores of Lake Constance with its near Mediterranean feel it is just an hour's drive by car across gently undulating hills to the high alps. Shaped by different landscapes and forms of living, every one of the six holiday regions has a distinct character of its own.

Arlberg

More time – more space

It reputation is legendary, its name stands for passion – the Arlberg. In Lech Zürs am Arlberg holiday-makers find "More space for their thoughts and more time for the senses". The Lech Card is your perfect go-along, available at a bargain rate if you are staying one night or longer. Idyllic, leisurely, pampering: Stuben am Arlberg is lined by the Lechtal alps and the Verwall group; the laidback village of Klösterle enjoys a romantic setting against the foothills of the Arlberg mountain.



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Bregenzerwald

The elegance of simplicity

A region for connoisseurs who love the good things in life. Famed for delicious mountain cheese and the KäseStrasse (Cheese Route). An amazing mix of traditional and contemporary architecture. The *Werkraumhaus* in Andelsbuch show-cases craftsmanship and artistry. Activity-minded visitors will be spell-bound by the beautiful natural scenery. Themed trails offer a lot of new and interesting information). Don't miss out on the Schubertiade festival in Schwarzenberg and the FAQ Bregenzerwald.



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Bodensee-Vorarlberg

Vibrant life amidst a haven of peace

Contemporary architecture, high-carat festivals and exhibitions, culinary delights and picture-book landscapes: Come and enjoy the many attractions along Lake Constance, the Rhine valley and the varied mountain scenery. The towns of Bregenz, Dornbirn, Hohenems and Feldkirch are abuzz with life, and the villages and rural areas genuine havens of peace.



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Brandnertal – Alpenstadt Bludenz – Grosses Walsertal

Three awe-inspiring alpine valleys – Brandnertal, Klösteral, Grosses Walsertal – and the alpine city of Bludenz make for the charm of this region. Entertaining and informative trails and guided activities invite families to spend time together in the great outdoors. "Enjoy nature without harming it" is the motto to which the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park subscribes.



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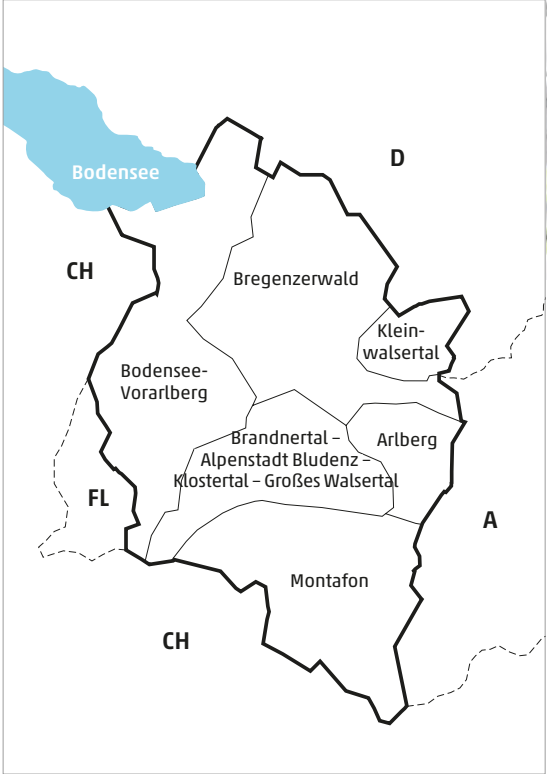
Montafon

Genuine mountains. Genuine adventure.

This 39 km long, high-alpine valley and its 11 villages is a genuine hot-spot for active holiday-makers. The landscape is dotted with imposing mountains, including Vorarlberg's highest peak, the 3,312 m high mount Piz Buin. Hiking on historic trails, conquering summits on an e-mountain bike, savouring gourmet fare on mountain lodges, and exploring mountain forests are part and parcel of your daily activities, as well as mastering the various challenges which the Montafon holds in store for ambitious hobby athletes.



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More Information?

We will readily send you information on special themes or brochures and accommodation directories of the different holiday regions free of charge. Don't hesitate to order.

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Invigorating: Activity & Nature

The natural scenery is stunningly beautiful, to the delight of hikers, mountain bikers and outdoor adventurers. The mountain air has an invigorating effect and boosts your energy levels. Several programmes combine an exquisite dining experience with physical activity, from breakfast at sunrise to an e-bike tour up to a high-alpine farmstead. Convenient: Many starting points for walks and several look-outs can be reached by cable car.

Alp and Cheese Hikes

Several hiking trails such as the Alpgang trail in Au-Schoppernau and the artist-designed Gauertal Alpkultour in Montafon, take you to alps where the cows spend the summer. On many of these alpine farmsteads, cheese is manufactured and can be sampled on site.

Hiking and Fine Dining

- The Bregenzerwald Tourist Board runs themed culinary hikes through exceptionally beautiful scenery. Breakfast, lunch and dessert are served at three different mountain-top inns, restaurants or cafés.

- The Culinary Summer Hike in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park combines a 4-hour alp walk with a three course set menu at different sites.

- The culinary walk in Brandnertal takes you from starters to the main course and dessert. There is a choice of 2 different routes.

- In Kleinwalsertal, the former award-winning chef Herbert Edlinger joins guests on a culinary walk with a picnic. On the tour we learn where the products are sourced, from meadow to plate, a delightful picnic, a stop at a Walser gourmet inn and tasting of culinary titbits from the region included.

- Whether you want to fortify yourself for a day of hiking, or enjoy a day of leisure, several mountain-top inns and alps treat their guests to a hearty mountain breakfast. Most sites can be reached by cable-car, bus or car, and some after a leisurely walk.

Sun, Moon and Fire

- The sunrise walk starts at around 3 o'clock in the morning, and bringing headlamps is advisable. Having arrived at the top, you will be greeted by the first rays of sunshine – a memorable experience which soothes the pain of having risen that early. Guided sunrise walks cum breakfast are offered to Loischkopf (1,810 m) in Brandnertal, to Zafernhorn (2,107 m) in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park, Kanisfluh (2,044 m) near Au and to Wartherhorn (2,256 m) near Warth-Schröcken in Bregenzerwald. For an awesome sunrise experience, head up to Mohnenfluh (2,542 m) near Lech Zürs am Arlberg.

- There are two choices if you want to experience sunset on the mountain or spend the night under the starlit skies. In Lech Zürs am Arlberg a bivouac at Stierlochkopf (2,350 m) offers shelter for the night for a token contribution towards its maintenance. You can also camp out in the mountains in the Montafon as part of a guided hike. The campsite is in open nature above Gaschurn.

- The Diedamskopf ropeway near Au-Schoppernau stages weekly sunset rides with buffet and music at the mountain-top restaurant. The views from the top are sensational and extend right to Lake Constance.

- Hertha Glück is a story teller who accompanies themed legend walks at Kristberg in Montafon at new moon and full moon. In between the storytelling, you embark on a three-course culinary walk into the Montafon of days gone by.

- Midsummer bonfires are lit at many places in Vorarlberg around 21 June, the longest day of the year. On this occasion, the mountains stand aflame in the Montafon, and on mount Pfänder near Bregenz, there is a fireworks display with live music, food and drink.

E-Biking & Mountain Biking Pleasures

Mountain bikers will find several routes all over Vorarlberg. Cycling can also be perfectly combined with fine dining:

- A five-hour culinary walk starts in St. Gallenkirch and heads to the sun terraces of Bartholomäberg. En route, you can sample Montafon "Sura Kees" (sour cheese) at Alpe Latons.

- Head to an organic farm on an e-bike; that is the motto in the Kleinwalsertal. There, Bernhard Fritz tells visitors about his life and work as a farmer, and why he feels so strongly about regionality and organic farming.

- The daily guided tours by the biking school Bregenzerwald Au focus on the beauty of the natural scenery.

- Bike park Brandnertal offers a choice of 12 km of freeride and downhill routes for every level of proficiency. Courses and guided tours are also offered.

Exploring Lake Constance

Gentle shores, villages and towns in the foreground, and mountains, rolling hills and orchards in the background: A trip on Lake Constance opens up novel perspectives. From the modern port of Bregenz, the vessels of the Lake Constance fleet set out for lovely attractions around the lake. www.vorarlberg-lines.at

Golfing with the Best of Views

From Vorarlberg's golf courses, whether in the plains of the Rhine valley or in a mountain village, you always have a view of breath-taking alpine scenery. There is a choice of four 18-hole, and three 9-hole golf courses, as well as 20 hosts with customised offers for golfers. www.golfvorarlberg.at (in German only)

Useful Guides: Maps and App

A hike, cycling tour or cultural excursion is what you are planning? There handy tools available to assist you in planning and finding your bearings on site. Interactive maps, which can be retrieved at www.vorarlberg.travel, describe all the itineraries in detail. Information on all recorded routes can be printed out or downloaded. Via layers, you can also insert additional information on sites worth visiting, inns and restaurants, photographs or bus stops. This data and a lot more are available on the free Vorarlberg app "Urlaub und Freizeit". Once downloaded, you will have permanent access to all information while en route. www.vorarlberg.travel/app (in German only)

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel

Min Weag – Circuit Around Vorarlberg

Min Weag (My Way) is a long-distance hiking trail which, on 32 legs, covers all of Vorarlberg's different landscapes. Starting at Lake Constance, you head via the Bregenzerwald, the Arlberg, the Montafon and Alpenregion Bludenz for the Rhine valley. www.vorarlberg.travel (in German only)

Ever So Inspiring: Culture & Design

Ingenuious festivals stimulate the senses. Often, the natural scenery forms a stunning backdrop, from Lake Constance to mountain panoramas. Museums and exhibitions open up new horizons. Modern architecture and craftsmanship set new standards. Vorarlberg's architects combine a familiarity with building traditions with a sure instinct of creating what is right for a given location.

Unrivalled: The Bregenz Festival

The lakeside performances of the Bregenz Festival leave a lasting impression due to their atmospheric setting under the skies, a spectacular stage and first-rate music. For this summer, Georges Bizet's opera Carmen has been scheduled from mid-July to mid-August. The programme also features opera, orchestral concerts and theatre performances.

"Zwischentöne", Pop & Design in Feldkirch

Hosted on three dates in February, June and November, the Montfort *Zwischentöne* Festival creates spaces in between dialogue and music on a given theme. The programme ranges from fire-side talks to orchestral concerts. The poolbar festival is dedicated to pop music throughout six weeks in summer. In autumn, POTENTIALE places design, photography & and media art into the focus of attention.

A potential for good times

FAQ Bregenzerwald is hosted in September. This festival-like forum with culinary aspirations combines a string of lectures and debates with concerts and fine dining experiences.

Shakespeare on the Mountain

Each year in summer, this young festival performs a different play by William Shakespeare. These open-air performances are set against the spectacular backdrop of Bergarena Muttersberg overlooking Bludenz.

Lech Classic Festival

From the mountain to the concert hall: the Lech Classic Festival in early August presents classical music in the romantic atmosphere of the new church.

Music and Theatre in Montafon

At the "Montafon Resonanzen" you can listen to music of all styles being performed in August/September. The performances of the Montafon Legend Festival are set on the open-air stage in Silbertal. At several dates, themed theatre walks "On the run" carry visitors off to the mountains and to a journey back in history.

Bregenz Cultural Mile

The Vorarlberg State Theatre, Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) and the vorarlberg museum are just a stone's throw apart on the Bregenz Cultural Mile, a generously spaced pedestrian zone. Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) is among Europe's leading exhibition halls for contemporary art. This glass cube structure was designed by the renowned Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. At the vorarlberg museum, changing exhibitions are devoted to historical and contemporary times, and its eye-catching façade is adorned with over 16,000 blossoms.

Multi-faceted Museums

Museums such as the Women's Museum in Hittisau, the Jewish Museum Hohenems, or regional museums such as the Klostertal museum shed light on the past and the present. A string of other museums are devoted to special themes such as nature or the history of textile-making in Vorarlberg.

Design Excellence in the Bregenzerwald

12 circular themed trails in the Bregenzerwald inform visitors about why such an innovative architecture and crafts scene could burgeon in the Bregenzerwald. Along the village trails, inconspicuous columns draw attention to specific architectural features. The Werkraumhaus in Andelsbuch hosts changing exhibitions throughout the year, showcasing modern crafts and design.

The hall-like, transparent building was designed by the famous Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. It also accommodates a shop and a café.

Architectours in Vorarlberg

Vorarlberg has been a trailblazer when it comes to architecture and crafts for decades. Eleven architectours take interested visitors to select contemporary and traditional buildings, while focusing on different themes: "Village Spaces", "Timber & Material", "Innovation & Craftsmanship", "Art & Culture", "Old & New", and "Nature & Landscape". The free Vorarlberg app "Urlaub und Freizeit" (in German only) has all the details you need about the itineraries, individual buildings, restaurants, and accommodation.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/culture



Ever So Entertaining: Adventure & Games

Families are treated to fun-filled holidays in Vorarlberg. Enjoy quality time together and try out new things – from climbing to wilderness expeditions. That is our motto here in Vorarlberg. Adventure trails and museums promise great fun and entertainment, and supervised activities for children are offered at several resorts and by the Top-Family hosts who cater specifically to families travelling with young children.

Mountain Adventures

At the Göltn, the local mountain in Tschagguns in Montafon, you can take the Alpine Coaster Göltn all year round for downhill rides. Young adventurers, and those young at heart, simply love the new forest chute park, the Göltn forest rope park and the Göltn zip line on which you can even cross a lake. Animal lovers will enjoy hikes with the llama breeder Horst and his llamas at Bartholomäberg.

Exploring Nature Playfully

Who makes the weather? What does the den of a groundhog look from inside?

To find out about the particularities of the world of mountains, why not explore the Natursprünge themed nature trail and the animal trail at Brandnertal. All the trails are equipped with interactive stations. The latest addition is a plant life trail. In the Klostertal, the Sonnenkopf, an attraction for both families and adventure seekers, is home to Bear Land. Here, young explorers can ride up the mountain on bear gondolas. At the top, you will find the themed bear trail, a bear cave, the bear playground, water features, raft riding on the bear lake and a lot more.

Ride on the Wälderbähne Nostalgia Train

On weekends from May to October, you can take a ride on the historic narrow-gauge Wälderbähne railway in the Bregenzerwald, huffing and puffing from Bezau to Andelsbuch/Bersbuch and back. Fuelled partly by diesel and partly by steam, the journey takes passengers across picture-pretty natural scenery.

Hiking and Riddle-Solving, Lech am Arlberg

What is the most precious good on our planet? To solve this question, you should go on a hike on the Green Ring of Riddles in Lech am Arlberg equipped with the "impossible textbook". The leisurely walk starts in Lech (1,450 m) and heads for Rud Alpe (1,560 m). At 14 stations along the route, you must answer questions and solve riddles. Having reached Rud Alpe, all young mystery-solvers will be rewarded with a gift. Moreover, they can enjoy a refreshing drink and have fun at the water playground.

Out and About in the Wilderness

How do you make your way across a thicket without being heard? What is there to explore in a forest? How do you read tracks or light a bonfire without a lighter or matches? Various expeditions take children out into the wilderness. In the Brandnertal, another themed nature-discovery programme for children is offered under the motto *Brundrige Zif* (A Special Time) every day. In nature and wilderness programmes in Kleinwalsertal, visitors of all ages can find out interesting novelties.

Top Family – Perfectly Looked After

A string of resorts, regions and hosts bearing the Top Family label offer programmes for families, supervised activities for children, and customised services.

Inclusive Cards

Spanning four countries, the region of Lake Constance is home to numerous sites which merit a visit. Whether a museum or a look-out, a Baroque monastery or a delicatessen manufacturer, if you are planning several outings, make sure to benefit from the different inclusive cards: Ausflüge plant, profitiert von verschiedenen Inclusive-Cards.

Regional Inclusive Cards

All holiday destinations in Vorarlberg offer an inclusive card. Depending on the region, these cards are valid for public transport, lifts and cable cars, museums, recreational facilities and enrolment in various programmes. In Kleinwalsertal, Brandnertal, Klostertal and Alpenstadt Bludenz the cards are included in the price of accommodation if you stay one night or longer with partner businesses, in Bregenzerwald (incl. Fontanella and Sonntag in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park) as of three nights. In the Lake Constance -Vorarlberg region (Bodensee-Vorarlberg leisure card), in Montafon (Montafon Brandnertal Card) and in Lech am Arlberg the cards are on sale at a favourable all-in rate. www.vorarlberg.travel

V-CARD

The V-CARD is an ideal choice for frequent travellers to Vorarlberg. It is valid for one-time admission to cable-cars, mu-seums, and pools. The V-CARD sells at EUR 65 for adults and EUR 32.50 for teenagers, and is valid from 1 May through 31 October. www.v-card.at (in German only)

BodenseeErlebniskarte

The Lake Constance Adventure Card is valid for 3, 7 or 14 consecutive days from late March to late October. Depending on the type of card, it includes cruises on Lake Constance, admission to some 180 tourist attractions, and discounts for top destinations around Lake Constance, such as the island of Mainau. www.bodensee.eu

Ever So Tasty: Delicious & Delectable

Fresh, regional and refined: that is the motto of Vorarlberg's cuisine. Many specialties are sourced from local farms or small delicatessen producers. Themed programmes and events, from herbal walks to dairy-making courses or gourmet cruises, celebrate a culture of fine dining. Specialist hosts will treat you to soothing days of indulgence.

Regional dining offers in Brandnertal and in Bludenz

GenussErlebnis Brandnertal treats visitors to regional and seasonal fare. Four resident chefs and a guest chef invite gourmets to five culinary events in restaurants and to the foodie festival at the natural bathing pond. The composition of the set-dinner created varies on each date. In August, chefs from the region will host the Alpine Culinary Street Food Festival in Bludenz with live music.

Herbal walks

- A themed herbal family walk in the Brandnertal invites you to gather herbs which will later be processed into tea, tinctures or herbal salt.

- The Alchemilla herbal women gather delicious and soothing herbs on the meadows and in the forests of the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park. They share their knowledge on themed pasture and herbal walks.

- At the Holdamooos nature reserve in Au Schoppernau, there are trails leading to an old alpine farmstead ("vorsaess"), a small lake and lush herbal gardens. On different guided tours, visitors of all ages are let into the secrets of herbalism.

- Which inherent power do wild herbs have? How are they harvested and processed into culinary delicacies? To find out more, join one of the herbalists and chefs in Kleinwalsertal once a week who will let you into their secrets.

- Several herbal walks are offered in Montafon. Looking for herbs, the participants will learn more about alpine herbs and then sample herb-based delicacies at the Nova Stoba mountain top restaurant.

- At given dates, herbal walks led by a gourmet chef and a herbalist are organised in Lech am Arlberg.

Fine dining in the Bregenzerwald

Feast on regional specialties at a special site in exclusive company: from May to September chefs from the Bregenzerwald prepare a 5-course meal. Weather permitting, the table for 30-50 guests will be set al fresco; alternatively, guests will dine under a marquee.

Gustav – Salon of Fine Dining Culture

Design, enjoyment, and sustainability are the themes of the "Gustav" fair which is hosted in late October in Dornbirn. Food connoisseurs and craftspeople will showcase their products, while award-winning chefs invite foodies to their "Chef's Tables". The programme also features food tastings and fire-side talks.

Travel in style aboard the Hohentwiel

The "Hohentwiel" is a painstakingly restored paddle-wheel steamer and is considered the most elegant vessel cruising on Lake Constance. From late April to mid-October, you can experience and enjoy this special ambience on a cruise. There is a choice of round trips with gourmet menu, lunch, jazz brunch, and afternoon tea, and a lot more.

Learn how cheese is made

It takes the finest milk, rennet, a lot of manual work and patience: interested visitors can learn how milk is processed into cheese at Ingo Metzler's dairying school in Egg in the Bregenzerwald, at the Montafon Cheese House, and at *biosphärenpark.haus* in the Grosses Walsertal. Classes are organised on given dates; groups may book individually.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel

Winter time!

The New Vorarlberg Journal 2018 NEW autumn release

People in Vorarlberg are literally born with a passion for winter sports. Some 100 years ago, the first-ever ski course in the alps was held on the Arlberg. To this very day, exploring winter wonder land on skis, on foot, with all the senses, has lost nothing of its fascination. The new Vorarlberg Journal presents the free-ride world champion on her favoured slopes. The Journal also features hiking guides who take you into the wintry forests, and ski guides who accompany you on a ski tour. Articles featuring ski instructors, mountain rescuers and ecologists as well as a portrait of a toboggan maker and a biologist who watches the migratory birds who spend the winter in the Rhine delta round off the issue. The Vorarlberg Journal 2018 is available from the Vorarlberg State Tourist Office starting in autumn and on our website at www.vorarlberg.travel/magazine

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